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BRITISHERS LEAVE APIA FOR PAGO PAGO, SAMOA

Although Well Treated by German Governor—Postage Stamps Worth Keeping—"The Black Error."

Mr. J. Davis, late postmaster of Samoa, is in Auckland, says the New Zealand Herald of December 4. Mr. Davis long enjoyed the distinction of being postmaster, both under the King and the Treaty Powers. He was first appointed to the position in 1885, by the three Consuls, British, American and German, who were then governing the municipality of Apia. In 1886 he was appointed by Malletto, the king, as postmaster of the Kingdom of Samoa, and continued in the office up to February 28, 1906.

Mr. Davis has experienced several revolutions and civil wars, but his position was always maintained by the party in power. His latest appointment being from the young King Malletto, who was put in the kingship by the Powers in 1888. Mr. Davis had the designing of his own stamps, and the dies have all ways been in the hands of the New Zealand Government, by whom they have always been printed.

Among the most interesting of the stamp issues is that known as the "Black Error," when the head of Malletto was printed in the New Zealand office black, which was considered a reflection on his majesty's complexion. Another most interesting issue is the Samoan stamp with the word "provisional" printed across it diagonally. His issue is historical, it is printed by the authority of the Chief Justice during the late Samoan war, and was the last to appear prior to Germany taking over the island.

Mr. Davis is going down to Wellington to break the dies of his stamps and so conclude not only his own connection with the postal business, but the final scene in a most interesting and unique official career. Mr. Davis, who has known Samoa for twenty-seven years, and who has vested interests there, says that the British residents seem to be getting on very well under German rule.

He speaks in the highest terms of the Governor, Dr. Solf, whom he declares to be one of the finest officials who has ever held power in the islands. He says, however, that a good number of Britishers are moving over to Pago Pago, which place, since it has been made the port of call for the San Francisco mail steamers and the naval depot for the United States Government, promises to grow into an important center.

MADE IN AMERICA

The New Zealand Government is getting forty carriages made in St. Louis, Mo., which will be shipped from San Francisco in the Oceanic steamer. It is not stated in the Auckland paper giving the item whether they are railway cars or street mail wagons. As there is government ownership of railways in New Zealand, probably they are railway coaches.

His Recommendation.—She—Would you recommend any particular method of learning golf? He—Decidedly! Co-education.—Puck.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE EFFECTS ORGANIZATION

Discussion of Whether a Charter Should be Drafted or Put Over to a More Convenient Season.

Twenty-five of the thirty members of the Republican municipal charter committee met at the party headquarters last night for organization. J. H. Fisher was elected chairman, Carl Widemann secretary and J. A. Gilman treasurer.

A committee of five to devise a scheme of procedure was elected by ballot, being: W. O. Smith, T. McCants Stewart, A. V. Gear, Geo. A. Davis and Geo. W. Smith. The latter Mr. Smith tied with Jas. H. Boyd, who withdrew in his favor.

Geo. W. Smith nearly caused a panic by suggesting that the general committee should decide whether its action should be devoted to preparing a charter or to deferring any charter. In the press and on the street it had been stated that the committee was appointed to obstruct municipal incorporation for the present.

The chairman answered that the press did not appoint the committee.

W. O. Smith, in the course of a general discussion, said that last summer he wanted a special session of the Legislature to consider Chinatown fire losses and a charter commission. Both subjects would be too much to handle, with all the necessary business of an ordinary nature, at the regular session. Better no charter than a poor one.

W. C. Roe, on behalf of the mechanics whom he represented, thanked the central party committee for his appointment. He rather favored a charter, but was not prepared to commit the workmen.

The committee adjourned to meet Thursday evening, when the sub-committee on plan and scope is expected to report.

STREET WAS BLOCKED.

On Kaahumanu street this morning, there was an instance brought to the attention of passing business men that goes to show how much Honolulu is in need of municipal government. A dray, laden with a load of grain, turned into this street from Queen and started up toward Merchant. The dray was just about to turn the corner when the horses balked and it was full fifteen minutes before they could be made to go on. Carriages were blocked and several, being unable to wait on account of business, were forced to turn around in the narrow street and go down again to Queen street. Other carriages from Merchant street were forced to go around the block.

A business man standing on the corner at the time, made the following remark: "If we had municipal government, we could control such matters. We could make drays and all heavy wagons keep off such narrow streets as Kaahumanu and the public would not have to be inconvenienced in such a manner as this. It is simply a shame to allow drays to drive up such a street where lighter vehicles only should be allowed to go."

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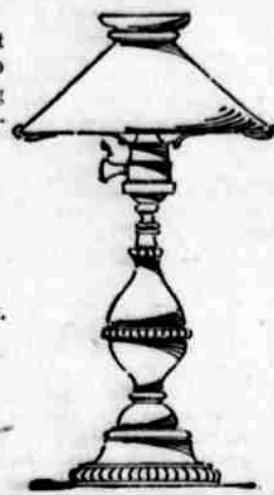
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